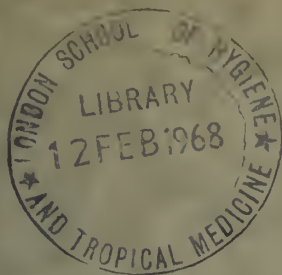


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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,
June, 1963.

Mr Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1962 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The population, 13,130, is steadily rising and shows an increase of 830 in the last five years. The number of births (215) remains static and does not reflect the sharp increase experienced throughout the country as a whole.

The corrected death rate, 9.9 and infant mortality rate, 18.6, is to be compared with that of England and Wales which was 11.9 and 20.7 respectively. This infant mortality rate of England and Wales was once more the lowest ever recorded. Four infant deaths occurred, all died within the first week and none of the deaths could be ascribed to adverse environmental conditions.

There were 97 cases of infectious disease notified during the year of which 76 were due to measles.

The level of immunisation and vaccination among children in the Borough remains good, there was a marked increase during the year of the number of persons vaccinated against smallpox which was due to the widespread fear following the outbreak of smallpox in Yorkshire and South Wales and also to the large number of international certificates of vaccination required by those travelling to the Continent of Europe.

The provision by the Council of first class sanitary and washing facilities for food traders using the market stalls has proved to be a sound forward step in implementing the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

In 1960 I reported that the slum clearance programme had been virtually completed except for some small additional areas and these are being dealt with gradually over the following five years. In addition it was felt that quite a substantial proportion of houses in the Borough showed lack of amenities and a pilot survey of 300 houses was made - various plans are still being considered by the Council to enable them to assist in getting these houses brought up to modern standards.

It is worthy of record that since 1946 1,267 houses have been built bringing the proportion of post war houses in the Borough to 25% of the total.

I wish to thank the Public Health Department for carrying out quietly and efficiently the work of the Department, Mr Bampton your Senior Public Health Inspector is a valuable source of help to me.

I wish also to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement throughout the year.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

J.T.MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION I

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 21.68 inches as compared with 21 inches in 1961 and 35.19 inches in 1960.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1962 as 13,130, an increase of 180 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 12,950.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1962 was 4,815 as compared with 4,724 at the end of 1961. Towards this increase 14 houses were provided by the Council and 102 were constructed privately. During the year 25 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 91.

RATEABLE VALUE

£176,943 compared with £171,271 on the 31st December, 1961.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£711 14s. 6d., compared with £693 16s. 0d., for the financial year 1961/62.

SECTION II
VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	100 (112)	102 (93)	202 (205)
Illegitimate	9 (4)	4 (4)	13 (8)
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>109 (116)</u>	<u>106 (97)</u>	<u>215 (213)</u>

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	16.4 (16.4)
The corrected birth rate	17.0 (17.0)
Rate for England and Wales	18.0 (17.4)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	1 (6)
Number of live and still births	216 (219)
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	16.5 (16.9)
Rate for England and Wales	18.1 (18.7)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year)	4 (8)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	18.6 (37.5)
Rate for England and Wales	20.7 (21.4)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.8 (39.0)
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	- (-)
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births	18.6 (28.2)
Number of neo-natal deaths	4 (5)
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 live births	18.6 (23.5)

Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births) ... 23.1 (50.2)

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births 13 (8)
This is 6.0% of total live births

MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) Nil

DEATHS.

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham 237 (253)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population 18.0 (19.7)
The corrected death rate 9.9 (12.0)
Rate for England and Wales 11.9 (12.0)
Average age at death 69.6 (72.2)
Average age at death for males 61.1 (69.6)
Average age at death for females 74.8 (74.8)
Oldest death - female aged 96 years
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough 40 (30)

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE I

SEX	Under 1	1-25	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75+	85+	TOTALS
MALES	2	3	-	1	4	12	29	34	21	106
FEMALES	2	1	1	2	3	18	31	41	32	131

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1953 and Table III the causes of death during 1962 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

BIRTHS				DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
Year	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant Mortality rate
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	226	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1
1960	8	236	18.9	233	18.9	6	25.4
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5
1962	13	215	16.4	237	18.0	4	18.6

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
2. Tuberculosis, other	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
3. Syphilitic disease	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
4. Diphtheria	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
5. Whooping Cough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
6. Meningococcal infections	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
8. Measles	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	- 5	1 1	1 6
11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs, bronchus ..	3 9	3 1	6 10
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	- 1	9 3	9 4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	- (-)	2 3	2 3
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	15 12	13 5	28 17
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1 2	2 -	3 2
16. Diabetes	2 1	- 2	2 3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	20 24	38 31	58 55
18. Coronary disease, angina	15 15	11 13	26 28
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3 2	2 3	5 5
20. Other heart disease	16 25	18 27	34 52
21. Other circulatory disease	5 7	6 9	11 16
22. Influenza	- 2	2 -	2 2
23. Pneumonia	6 3	6 2	11 5
24. Bronchitis	5 7	6 1	11 8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system .	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2 (-)	2 (-)	4 (-)
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	- (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
31. Congenital malformations	1 (-)	- 1	1 1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7 15	5 11	12 26
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3 1	1 1	4 2
34. All other accidents	1 4	- 3	1 7
35. Suicide	1 1	- (-)	1 (-)
36. Homicide and operations of war	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
 TOTALS	 106(136)	 131(117)	 237(253)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
la Intracranial Haemorrhage b Birth Injury	M	1 minute	Hospital
la Cerebral Haemorrhage b Prematurity	M	50 minutes	Home
l Pulmonary Atelectasis ll Prematurity	F	1 day	Hospital
la H aemorrhage Diathesis ll Prematurity	F	3 days	Hospital

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1962 was 97, being 458 less than in the previous year, i.e. 555 cases in 1961.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI. Table VII gives a resumé of the last ten years.

TABLE V

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Measles	-	58	14	2	-	2	-	-	-	76
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	5
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	3

TABLE VI

DISEASE	No. of Cases 1962 1961		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	8	10	-	-
Measles	76	526	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia	4	15	1	12
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	5	3	4	1
Non-Pulmonary	3	1	3	1
TOTALS	97	555	9	14

TABLE VII

DISEASE	1953	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62
Scarlet Fever	2	2	4	7	6	15	9	15	10	8
Whooping Cough	79	107	5	14	202	3	13	29	-	-
Measles	79	4	447	2	74	360	46	12	526	76
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	18	9	17	18	23	24	27	3	15	4
Food Poisoning	8	1	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

Incidence and deaths

Five cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, being two more than in the preceding year.

Three cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

One death from Pulmonary and one Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred during the period.

Table VIII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1953:

TABLE VIII

YEAR	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL	PUL	NON-PUL	PUL	NON-PUL
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	1	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-
1962	5	3	1	1	0.8	0.8

Tuberculosis Register

The number and types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PUL		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/62	31	18	4	3	56
Notified in Borough	3	2	1	2	8
Trans. to Borough	2	2	-	1	5
Trans. from Borough	1	-	-	-	1
Deaths	-	1	-	1	2
Recovered	1	2	1	-	4
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/62	32	17	4	5	62

Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr O. Clarke, for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1962 (this includes contacts etc.) 257
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year of patients in (a) above 501
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough who received Sanatorium treatment during the year 7

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against Poliomyelitis:

TABLE X

YEAR OF BIRTH	TWO INJECTIONS (SALK)	THREE INJECTIONS (SALK and ORAL)	FOUR INJECTIONS (SALK and ORAL)	THREE ORALS complete course
1962	-	1	-	8
1961	11	36	-	79
1957-60	41	157	-	19
1943-56	12	54	76	19
1933-42	22	90	-	18
Others	34	221	-	11

Tables XI and XII show the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1962, based on records cards received by the County Medical Officer:

TABLE XI

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary
1962	81	Nil	80
1961	130	25	130
1960	15	80	14
1959	5	10	5
1958	3	8	2
1953-57	7	149	5
1948-52	Nil	3	Nil
TOTALS	241	275	236

TABLE XII

Age at date of Vaccination	Number Vaccinated	Number Re-vaccinated
Under 1	204	-
1	49	1
2 to 4	76	5
5 to 14	184	107
15 or over	194	322
Total	707	435

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These services include the Care of Mothers and young children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

Day

Time

Child Welfare Tuesday and Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoon, if required)

(b) School Clinic

Solomon's Lane

Day

Time

Ante-Natal Clinic and

Relaxation Classes Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

Minor Ailment Clinic {Wednesday
 {2nd and 4th
 (Wed. of month 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Dental Gas Clinic Tuesday 10.30 - 12 noon

Dental {Tuesday 1.30 - 4 p.m.
 {Thursday 9.30 - 12 noon
 1.30 - 4 p.m.

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44 East Street, Faversham, - Monday - Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments are made through St Augustine's Hospital.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The following is a summary of the returns for 1962 for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Sheppy and Swale:

Medical Inspection

- (a) Number of children inspected (periodic inspection) 5,631
(b) Number found to require treatment 915
(c) Percentage requiring treatment 16.0%

Classification of General Condition of Pupils

No. of Pupils Inspected (1)	ROUTINE SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS			
	Physical Condition of Pupils inspected			
	Satisfactory		Un-satisfactory	
	No. (2)	% of Col.1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col 1 (5)
5,631	5,629	99.96	2	0.04

Dental Inspection and Treatment

(a)	Number of children inspected	4,238
(b)	Number found to require treatment	2,705
(c)	Percentage requiring treatment	68.5%

Infestation with Vermin

(a)	Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	3,308
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested ...	68
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of which cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act, 1944)	18

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSON

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

No aged person was removed under the above Acts, during the year.

SECTION VI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

During the year there have been no major extensions to the water main within the Borough but minor extensions were necessary to provide a supply for the continuing private residential development.

Thirty-two samples of water taken from the Faversham Water Company mains were all reported as of good bacteriological quality. Four samples taken for chemical examination were reported as satisfactory.

There are still ten houses and three factories without a mains supply, this is due to their isolated positions.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

Work on the comprehensive Bysing Wood drainage scheme commenced during the year. The object of the scheme is to provide sewage facilities for a part of the Borough which is suitable for residential and industrial development.

A small pump house was completed and came into operation on a housing estate in the Lower Road.

Minor extensions of private sewers took place on private residential estates.

Considerable time has been spent during the year sorting out troubles which have arisen on private sewers and drains. The work necessitated many visits and the service of multiple notices under the provisions of Section 17 of the Public Health Act, 1961.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The responsibility for refuse collection and disposal rests with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. The tipping of refuse was continued into the disused workings of the Ace Sand and Gravel Company near Ham Road. This method of tipping into water causes special difficulties to arise particularly controlling the tipping area and also preventing contamination of other ponds in the area. Additional tractor vehicles are to be obtained to facilitate the covering of the tipping area.

The pilot paper sack scheme which commenced in 1961 continued throughout the year and has so far produced good results. It is now proposed to extend the scheme to another part of the Borough sometime in 1963.

Following the purchase of two new refuse vehicles the refuse collection service as a whole was re-organised, the object being to provide a better service.

SCHOOL SANITATION

No complaints have been received during the course of the year regarding the sanitary accommodation in schools within the Borough.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The public conveniences are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

The public conveniences under the Town Hall have now been closed and in their place sanitary accommodation and proper washing facilities for people who set up food stalls within the market area have been provided. The scheme has been brought into being so that the Food Hygiene Regulations can be more easily complied with. The facilities provided by the Council for a nominal sum include, hot water, paper towels, soap, nail brushes.

HOP PICKERS CAMPS

The two hop pickers camps at Westwood Court Farm and Queen Court Farm were again in use during the picking season this year. The number of people residing in the huts at the camps is tending to decrease as they now seem to prefer to bring in caravans which are then parked within the camp area and which provide better accommodation than the huts. No additional mechanical pickers were installed during the year.

MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

Mortuary accommodation is provided at the Cottage Hospital when required.

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK

There were three premises registered as dairies, two of which have pasteurisation plants. They are supervised by the Kent County Council, being the Food and Drugs Authority for this area.

Registrations granted during the year were 30, 23 of which were for the sale of sterilised milk.

As from the 1st January, 1962 retail licences were issued by the Kent County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

MEAT

The licence for the Flood Lane Slaughterhouse expired on the 31st March and from that date killing could no longer take place as the building does not comply with the standards required by the Slaughterhouse Act and Regulations.

Plans for the modernisation and improvement of the slaughterhouse were submitted by the owner during the latter part of the year.

Table XIII shows the particulars of the animals slaughtered and the numbers affected by disease.

OTHER FOODS

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:

- (a) 434 tins of assorted foodstuffs.
- (b) 18 chicken.
- (c) 1 cwt. $38\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of meat and meat products;
 - 6 shoulders ham;
 - 2 pigs livers
 - 3 ox kidneys
 - 28 lbs. pigs kidney.
- (d) $44\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. fish;
 - 60 lbs. prawns;
 - 6 tins prawns,

OTHER FOODS continued

- (e) 329 tons 5 cwt. 100 lbs. fruit and vegetables;
1,205 nets Spanish Onions;
443 trays Turkish peaches;
375 cartons Mandarin oranges;
71 boxes melons.

There has been a marked increase in the amount of fruit and vegetables condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year. In 1961 the amount totalled 213 tons as against 329 tons this year plus various other packages not recorded in weight - nets of onions, trays of peaches, cartons of oranges and boxes of melons. The main reason for the increase is the continued expansion of the local fruit and vegetable packing industry.

The work of inspection and quantity checking is taking up more and more time of the Public Health Department.

In November the Department was asked to give an opinion of the condition of a large quantity of eggs (approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ million). The eggs had been imported from Poland and held in cold store for an unusually long time.

Cross samples were examined and the eggs finally released for commercial use in a process where each egg would be broken and individually examined.

TABLE XIII

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number killed	11 (182)	1 (1)	11 (11)	42 (313)	24 (996)	78 (1503)
Number inspected	11 (182)	1 (1)	11 (11)	42 (313)	24 (996)	78 (1503)
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci: whole carcasses condemned	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (2)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1 (19)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (64)	1 (83)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	1 (10.4%)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0.3%)	1 (6.5%)	
Tuberculosis only: whole carcasses condemned	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (2)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (19)	1 (20)
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis	1 (0.5%)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (4.1%) (2.1%)	

The figures in brackets were for 1961

PREPARATION OF PRESERVED FOODS

Thirty-four premises are registered for the purposes of fish frying, sausage manufacture, cooking of hams, etc.

ICE CREAM

In all sixty-seven premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. The ice cream is all pre-packed.

BAKEHOUSES

There are five bakehouses in use in the district which have been kept in a reasonable hygienic condition. Again the difficulty which arises in the use of these bakehouses is the cramped condition in which the staff have to work. In one particular case a notice had to be served on the owner of the bakehouse for a variety of contraventions of a minor nature.

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the premises where food is sold or handled:

TABLE XIV

PREMISES	NUMBER
Butchers and Pork Butchers	12
Grocers	15
Fishmongers	4
Fish Fryers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	16
Greengrocers	13
Dairies	3
Cafés and teashops	9
Hotels	3
General Shops	38
Ice Cream Premises	67
Preserved Foods	34
TOTAL	229

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
Brandy	1
Cheese Spread with Shrimp	1
Clearasil	1
Cochineal Substitute	1
Cornish Pasty	1
Creamed Rice	1
Curry Powder	1
Custard Powder	1
D. B. Lozenges	1
Double Cream	1
Evaporated Full Cream Milk	1
Frador	1
Gin	1
Ground Mixed Spice	1
Ground White Pepper	1
Ice Cream	1
Kep Sauce	1
Lockreel Dressed Crab	1
Milk	36
Minced Steak with Rich Gravy	1
Peach Halves	1
Pineapple Chunks in Syrup	1
Pure Lard	1
Salmon with Mayonnaise	1
Select Fresh Beetroot Slices	1
Small Whole Carrots	1
Soothe	1
Suet Pudding Mix	1
Superfine Butter	1
Ten Hour Flu-cold Powder	1
Tinned Grapefruit	1
Vanilla Flavouring	1
Whisky	2

SUMMARY of samples

Milks	36
Drugs	5
Spirits	4
Other Samples	24
TOTAL	69

With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:

SAMPLE OF	-	Milk containing Lizard
ANALYSIS	-	Consisted of an opened half-pint bottle of milk full to within about $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top. Only a little remained of the foil cap round the rim. When received there was a gummed label over the top of the bottle. The milk was sour. Loose in the milk was a small lizard, body length $2\frac{1}{4}$ ", total length 4". It was in good condition showing no signs of damage. There was no evidence of the lizard having adhered to the inside of the bottle. The milk had been pasteurised and passed the Phosphatase test. The same test applied to the lizard showed that it had undergone no similar heating process.
ACTION TAKEN	-	There was insufficient evidence to warrant proceedings.

SECTION VIII

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There were eight cases of Scarlet Fever this year and disinfection was carried out in three cases on request.

Seven visits were paid to verminous premises. These consisted of two with bed bugs and five flea infestations. In all 21 separate rooms were treated.

A total of six wasps nests were dealt with during 1962 compared with 52 in 1961.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two premises were again licensed for the sale of pets during the year. The pets involved are mainly tortoises and budgerigars.

RODENT CONTROL

The same arrangements, whereby the department has the services of a part time operator from the Council Highway Staff, has applied during the year. TableXV shows the particulars of inspections and treatments.

The number of properties found to be infested with rats and mice showed an increase over the previous year 211 (185). The increase was probably due to the severe winter weather causing the vermin to seek a warmer shelter than the normal habitat of outhouses and embankments where they would otherwise have spent the winter months.

TABLE XV

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Local Authority	Dwelling house	Agricultural	All other including business premises	Total
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's district	23	4,815	17	447	5,302
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	18	153	-	66	237
3. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	15	82	-	42	139
4. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested with mice	1	62	-	9	72
5. Number of Properties treated by Local Authority	16	144	-	51	211

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The three factories continue to operate at Oare Creek. They are engaged on the production of tallow, feeding stuffs and fertilizers from butchers waste, hoof and horn.

During 1962 as in previous years, the inspections and routine visiting of these premises has taken up a considerable amount of time of the Department which is out of proportion to the number of factories involved.

Early in the year it was necessary to report to the Council that the

overall hygienic and mechanical conditions of one of the factories had deteriorated to a marked degree despite warnings by Officers of the Department.

A further advisory visit by H.M. Alkali Inspector, Dr Hockin, confirmed the opinion and reports of your Officers.

Many meetings and discussions took place and there was some attempt to put the apparatus and equipment in order.

During the year the remaining coal burning boiler plant was converted to oil and the nuisance from black smoke which at times was very heavy, was overcome.

In October a special meeting of the Health Committee was called to which one of the factory owners was invited. Possible ways and means of determining the source of any future smell were discussed and it was agreed to investigate whether it was possible to extract flue gas samples from the factory chimneys.

LICENSED PREMISES

Thirty-seven visits were made to licensed premises during the year and it was found that there was steady progress in bringing the premises up to a reasonable standard. It will be recalled that an extensive report was submitted to the Council in 1960 in which it was stated that 40 of the 44 premises within the Borough had defects of one kind or another.

Efforts have been made to accelerate the rate of progress particularly in connection with the provision of hot and cold water supplies to the bars.

PETROLEUM

Routine inspections of all the petroleum premises in the Borough were carried out and in general the premises complied very well with the conditions of the annual licence. A number of minor defects were noted but these were rectified at an early date.

Three calcium carbide stores continued to be in use. In one case following notices to the owner a more permanent store was installed to give drier conditions of storage.

FIREWORKS

During the fireworks season 11 routine visits were made to premises where fireworks were being sold. In general premises complied with the regulations.

SHOPS ACTS

Visits were made to various classes of shops within the Borough to ascertain whether the provisions of the Shops Acts were being complied with. Five notices were served for defects of a general nature. The conditions under which staff were working in shops inspected were of a reasonable standard.

One of the notices referred to above concerned half day closing at hairdressing establishments.

SECTION IX

HOUSING

i. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects	93
(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	79
(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	25
(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	38
(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders	1
(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	2
(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action	23
(h) Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	1
(i) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 .	-

2. HOUSING SURVEY

Following the completion of the five year Slum Clearance Programme it was decided to carry out a survey of a representative selection of older properties which were known to lack various amenities but which would not come within the scope of any proposed slum clearance action for the near future. Anxiety had been expressed by members of the Council about the future deterioration of the older type of properties in the Borough.

It was not within the capabilities of the staff of the Public Health Department to make a visit to every house in the Borough so it was decided to carry out a survey of three hundred houses. Houses were selected in three particular areas: (1) Athelstan Road and Canute Road; (2) Fielding Street, Mendfield Street, Caslocke Street,

Napleton Road, Hatch Street and Becket Street; (3) Westgate Road, Cyprus Road and Luton Road. It was realised that these areas would not give a complete picture of the overall housing problem but the results did show what a colossal task it would be to bring the properties up to a standard which would fulfil modern day requirements. These requirements are mainly, bathrooms, hot water supplies and internal W.C.'s

A summary of the general results of the survey are shown in Table XVI. It will be seen that only 37% of the houses surveyed had a bathroom, half with no separate access; 33% had washhand basins; 43% had a hot water supply of one sort or another and only 30% had an inside W.C.

If no action is taken to prevent further deterioration and to bring these houses up to a reasonable modern standard the Council will be faced at some time in the future with the necessity of dealing with a vast number of houses by slum clearance procedure. No imagination is needed to appreciate the cost to the Council of future slum clearance programme rehousing schemes.

TABLE XVI

HOUSING SURVEY - SUMMARY

Amenities	Occupied by rent paying tenant	Owner/ Occupier	Percentage of total
1. BATHROOMS	21	89	37
With separate access	10	45	18
Fitted hot water supply	21	89	37
2. WASH-HAND BASINS	18	81	33
3. SINKS	140	160	100
Glazed	130	158	96
Unglazed	10	2	4
Deep	131	158	96
Shallow	9	2	4
With hot water supply	26	103	43
4. FOOD CUPBOARD	140	160	100
Ventilated	29	61	30
Unventilated	69	50	40
Free standing (inc. fridges)	42	49	30
5. WATER CLOSET	140	160	100
External	123	83	70
Internal	12	77	30
6. SIZE OF HOUSE			
4 room	22	20	14
6 room	118	140	86
7. HOUSES WITH DEFECTS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER	85	27	37

3. APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION GRANTS

Fifty-two schemes were submitted and approved, for which £9,180 was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

Twenty standard grants were made to a total cost of £1,562 for twenty dwellings.

4. PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war.

TABLE XVII

YEAR	COUNCIL HOUSES		POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
	Temporary	Permant			
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
1955	-	80	-	8	88
1956	-	52	-	5	57
1957	-	62	-	24	86
1958	-	42	-	26	68
1959	-	52	-	11	63
1960	-	38	-	41	79
1961	-	26	-	76	102
1962	-	14	-	102	116
TOTALS	50	847	12	358	1,267

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	4	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	115	18	3	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	119	22	4	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S. 3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S. 4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTION 110)

Nature of work (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists (4)
Wearing Apparel - Making etc.	1	-	-
All others	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	-

Section 111 - Nil return

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek)

Section I - Staff

No change

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year:

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	TUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise, Lighters and Barges	103	66,641 (est.)	Nil	7	Nil
(b) Foreign	77	80,080 (est.)	Nil	5	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	826	57,249	1	6	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters and barges	69	6,330	1	6	Nil
TOTALS	1,075	210,300	2	24	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

(1) Passenger traffic Nil

(2) Cargo traffic

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports Petrol, Crude Oil
Grain, Timber and
Fertilizers

Principal Exports Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports China Clay, Beans
Tomato Puree and
Ballast

Principal Exports Paper

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise Thames Estuary

Foreign Rotterdam, Antwerp,
Ymiden, Bremen,
Vlaardigen

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise London and
Brightlingsea

Foreign Nil

Section IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

Nil

Section XII - Measure against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

Month	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees F.)			
	1962	1961	Maximum		Minimum	
			1962	1961	1962	1961
January	2.72	2.62	53	51	25	26
February	0.62	2.5	52	58	27	32
March	1.95	0.02	60	66	22	30
April	1.7	1.46	69	69	32	49
May	2.09	0.35	73	77	33	35
June	0.19	1.63	82	89	34	44
July	1.96	1.08	81	97	43	48
August	2.45	0.74	80	89	44	48
September	1.77	1.72	80	82	40	40
October	1.7	3.33	75	72	30	32
November	2.54	1.89	56	61	25	28
December	1.99	3.67	55	57	14	17
TOTALS	21.68	21.00				

APPENDIX "B"

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Other complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Re-Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Port Health Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Hop Pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Atmospheric Pollution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Places of Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Shops (non food)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Miscellaneous P.H. Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	158

HOUSING

Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Re-Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Vermineous premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Special Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	300

FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Dairies and Milk Distributors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Food Preparation Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Greengrocer and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Market Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Wholesalers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Miscellaneous Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46

FACTORIES

With Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Non-Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

GENERAL

Fireworks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	293
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67

SAMPLES

Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Eggs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Shops Act	Factories Act
Informal notices served	22	-	19	5	4
Informal notices complied with	22	-	17	2	4
Statutory notices served	1	-	-	-	-
Statutory notices complied with	1	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX "C"

The following statement shows the various types of nuisances and defects dealt with:

HOUSING

Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Eaves gutters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Walls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Stairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coppers, ranges and fireplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sinks and wastepipes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Verminous houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7

FOOD PREMISES

Dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Food Protection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
First Aid Kits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Notices	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Walls, floors and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Basins installed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hot water systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Clothes lockers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tables, etc. repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks installed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

PUBLIC HEALTH

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Streams cleared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

